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C O N F I D E N T I A L LONDON 12469

E.O. 11652: XGDS-1

TAGS: PINS, CT, UK

SUBJECT: DETENTION OF WESTERN JOURNALIST

REF: (A) BANGUI 1582; (B) LONDON 12449

1. BELIEVE REFTEL (B) INSTRUCTIONS TO PRINCE SHOW THAT FCO FULLY APPRECIATES DESIRABILITY, IF NOT NECESSITY, OF HAVING A REPRESENTATIVE OF HMG PHYSICALLY PRESENT IN BANGUI. WE HAVE MADE IT CLEAR TO FCO THAT WHILE WE ARE PREPARED TO PROVIDE FULL ASSISTANCE (E.G., USE OF OUR COMMUNICATIONS FACILITIES) TO PRINCE, WE CANNOT UNDERTAKE ANY FORMAL CONSULAR REPRESENTATIONS; THESE MUST REMAIN THE RESPONSIBILITY OF HMG AND ITS REPRESENTATIVES. FCO UNDERSTANDS AND CONCURS IN THIS POSITION.

2. IN ADDITION TO OUR NEAR-CONTINUOUS DIALOGUE WITH FCO ON GOLDSMITH CASE, WE ARE ALSO IN FREQUENT CONTACT WITH LOCAL AP BUREAU CHIEF MASON, WHOM WE AND FCO ARE KEEPING APPRISED OF DEVELOPMENTS. AP'S UNDERSTANDABLY CLOSE INTEREST IN CASE RAISES A QUESTION OF COORDINATION AND CONFIDENTIAL

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CHANNELS OF COMMUNICATION. WE HAVE TAKEN THE POSITION THAT PRINCE/FCO MESSAGES ARE PRIVILEGED AND THAT DETAILS THEREOF SHOULD BE GIVEN TO AP BY FCO AND NOT BY US. WITH THE CONCURRENCE OF THE FCO, WE HAVE SO INFORMED MASON, AND FCO HAS BEEN SCRUPULOUS IN GETTING DETAILS TO MASON ASAP. WE WOULD URGE, IN THE INTERESTS OF AVOIDING CONFUSION AND POSSIBLE MISUNDERSTANDINGS OF USG ROLE IN THIS AFFAIR,

THAT ADDRESSEES OTHER THAN DEPARTMENT AND BANGUI ALLOW  
THE BRITISH TO KEEP AP INFORMED OF CONTENTS OF PRINCE/FCO  
MESSAGES.

3. FCO HAS INFORMALLY ADVISED US THAT IF THERE IS NO  
FORWARD MOVEMENT ON CASE BY MONDAY, CAE AMBASSADOR (RESI-  
DENT IN PARIS) WILL BE SUMMONED TO FCO.

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